

Administrator's Mission to Greater China
11 December, 2013
Shanghai, China

Tea with Women Environmental Leaders

Purpose: This is an opportunity to meet female Chinese environmental leaders and to have a conversation about your career paths and your visions for the future.

Key Message: Women who are environmental leaders are uniquely poised to inspire and mentor the next generation of female environmental professionals. Women's perspectives and voices are essential in environmental programs to ensure sound decision-making and adequate results.

Key Ask: As women who have achieved leadership positions, let's commit to mentoring those who hope to follow in our footsteps. Our experiences and insights can benefit women around the world who want to enter the environmental field or lead lasting environmental change.

Overview/Key Issues: This engagement is meant to be a conversation about your shared experiences as women who pursued environmental careers and who have risen to top positions. It is also a chance to share your perspectives on obstacles that remain for women in the workplace. You, AAA Nishida and Chief of Staff Fleming will begin the conversation by sharing your own stories, describing the paths that led you to where you are today, the obstacles that you faced, and your vision or future goals for women in the workplace. You will then moderate an open discussion that will enable the Chinese participants to share their experiences and visions for the future.

Counterparts: [All redactions on this page based on Exemption 6]

- [REDACTED], Shanghai Roots & Shoots
Started as a Roots&Shoots volunteer and worked her way up. Certified presenter for Al Gore's The Climate Project.
- [REDACTED], ERM China
[REDACTED] ERM China. Previous experience at MEP, Shanghai EPB and Ningbo EPB
- [REDACTED], Building Engineering, AECOM China
Highly experienced supervisor of large scale complex building projects, including an international Olympic Venue in Qatar
- [REDACTED]
*[REDACTED] Johnson & Johnson
M.S. and Ph.D from University of Rochester, experienced in U.S. regulations*

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- [REDACTED]
Former architect and news anchor. Owns/designs/manages [REDACTED] sustainable children's apparel brand
- [REDACTED], Shanghai Jiaotong University
Teaches graduate and undergraduate courses. Former Visiting Scholar at University of Maryland School of Law.
- [REDACTED], Xylem
Focuses on global strategic sourcing for American/European subsidiaries as well as supply chain management for Xylem plants in Asia. Received MBA in USA.

EPA/USG Attendees:

- Administrator Gina McCarthy
- Jane Nishida, Acting OITA Assistant Administrator
- Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming, Chief of Staff
- Robert Griffiths, Consul General, Consulate General Shanghai
- Sara Yun, Economic Unit Chief, Consulate General Shanghai
- Erica Thomas, Environment, Science, Technology and Health Officer, US Embassy Beijing

Agenda Summary:

- 10:30 CG Griffiths Welcomes Guests
- 10:30 – 10:40 CG asks Chinese representatives to introduce themselves, then introduces Administrator McCarthy and AAA Nishida
- 10:40 – 10:50 EPA officials share experiences as women in the environmental field and future vision for women in the workplace
- 10:50 – 11:30 You moderate an open discussion about experiences of women environmental leaders in the workplace and visions for the future
- 11:30 Depart

Background:

Despite China's reputation for being home to a number of female billionaires, women in leadership positions are relatively rare and gender inequality is common both within and outside of the workplace. The women participating in this event are leaders in the environmental field and are fluent English speakers. They are not government officials or government liaisons. It will likely be their first visit to the Consul General's residence.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

[All following redactions based on Exemption 5]

(CG GRIFFITHS WILL WELCOME EVERYONE AND WILL INTRODUCE YOU AND AAA NISHIDA)

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Robert Griffiths
Consul General
Consulate General of the United States of America
Shanghai, China

Mr. Griffiths is a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, Counselor rank. His postings overseas have included Bogota, Colombia, Kaohsiung and Taipei with the American Institute in Taiwan, and Shanghai and Beijing on the Chinese mainland. Most recently he served as Senior Course Adviser at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia. He has also served three tours in Thailand. In Washington, Mr. Griffiths has served in the Bureau of Economic Affairs and as Deputy Director for Mainland Southeast Asia in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Outside the Department of State, he worked in the Asia Policy Office of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and served a year in the U.S. Senate in the office of Harry Reid of Nevada, Mr. Griffiths' home state senator, as part of the State Department's Pearson Program. He holds a bachelors degree in Asian studies from Brigham Young University and a masters degree in public policy from Harvard University. Mr. Griffiths speaks Thai and Chinese, and is married with three grown children.



Sara Yun
Economic Unit Chief (Consul)
U.S. Consulate General Shanghai

Sara Yun is the Economic Unit Chief at the Consulate General Shanghai. Prior to assuming her position in 2012, she was a Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs (E), advising the Under Secretary on economic policy issues in the Asia-Pacific region. Ms. Yun joined the Foreign Service in 2004 and has served in Beijing, China, Ankara, Turkey and Baghdad, Iraq. Before joining the Foreign Service, she worked at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mongolia.

Ms. Yun earned a masters degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University), specializing in trade economics. She received a BA in government from the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Her foreign languages include Mandarin Chinese and Persian Farsi.